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GENERAL COMMITTEE -- INSCRIPTION AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

THE COMMITTEE SEPT 23 RECOMMENDED A 122-ITEM AGENDA FOR THE 31ST SESSION OF THE GA, AND RECOMMENDED ALLOCATION OF THE ITEMS. TWO ITEMS RELATING TO KOREA HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN, AND THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED DELETION OF ITEM 116 ON AMENDMENT TO ART. 22 OF THE STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. AT THE REQUEST OF FRANCE A VOTE WAS TAKEN ON INSCRIPTION OF ITEM 125 ON THE COMORIAN ISLAND OF MAYOTTE, AND WAS APPROVED 18-1(FRANCE)-4(BOLIVIA, FRG, UK, US). ALL OTHER ITEMS (A/BUR/31/1) WERE INSCRIBED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE ON ALLOCATION OF ITEMS: APARTHEID, PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED IN SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE -- TO PLENARY; 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMPHICTYONIC CONGRESS OF PANAMA -- PLENARY; UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL OF GANGES WATER AT FARAKKA -- SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE; MASS COMMUNICATIONS FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT -- COMMITTEE 3; MAYOTTE -- PLENARY. THE ITEM ON OBSERVER STATUS FOR COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT AT UN WAS ALLOCATED TO PLENARY, AND AUSTRALIA ASKED THAT IT BE DISCUSSED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TWO VOTES WERE TAKEN DURING CONSIDERATION OF ITEM ON CYPRUS: 1) UPHOLDING THE PRESIDENT'S RULING TO THE EFFECT THAT THE COMMITTEE DECIDE FIRST ON WHETHER TO RECOMMEND THAT THE PROCEDURE OF THE PAST TWO SESSIONS BE FOLLOWED (PLENARY, ON UNDERSTANDING REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE), 15-1(TURKEY)-5; AND 2) ALLOCATING ITEM TO PLENARY WITH ARRANGEMENT FOLLOWED AT PREVIOUS SESSIONS, 12-1 (TURKEY)-9(INCLUDING FRANCE, US, UK, NORWAY, LESOTHO, LIBYA, OMAN).

BEFORE THE TANZANIAN PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE THE APARTHEID ITEM TO PLENARY WAS APPROVED, THE PRESIDENT ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OBJECTIONS, AND AMB BENNETT SAID THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ITEM MADE IT ADVISABLE TO DISCUSS IT IN PLENARY. HOWEVER, HE NOTED A PROB-UNCLASSIFIED

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LEM MIGHT ARISE REGARDING PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK WHO WERE NOT REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES, RECALLED US POSITION THAT ONLY UN MEMBER STATES SHOULD SPEAK IN PLENARY, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CONSULTATIONS COULD BE HELD TO DEAL WITH THAT ISSUE. THE UK AND FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES SHARED THE US VIEW, AND THE PRESIDENT SAID THE POINT COULD BE DEALT WITH IN CONSULTATIONS.

ROSSIDES (CYPRUS) PROPOSED THAT THE CYPRUS QUESTION BE ALLOCATED

TO PLENARY. TURKMEN (TURKEY) SAID THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WISHED TO PARTICIPATE ON BASIS OF FULL EQUALITY, LAST YEAR'S PROCEDURE LED TO BITTERNESS, AND HE PROPOSED AS COMPROMISE ALLOCATING THE ITEM TO THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE. DURING DISCUSSION, PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE REFERRED TO LAST YEAR'S PROCEDURE, AND ROSSIDES STRESSED THE ITEM SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO PLENARY. THE PRESIDENT RULED THEY WOULD FIRST DECIDE ON THE PROPOSAL TO FOLLOW PAST PROCEDURE, THE SOVIETS FAVORED PLENARY, PANAMA STATED THE PRESIDENT'S RULING WAS CORRECT, AND TURKEY CHALLENGED IT. THE RULING WAS UPHELD 15-1(TURKEY)-5(FRG, JAPAN, LIBYA, UK, US), AND THE PROPOSAL TO RECOMMEND ALLOCATION TO THE PLENARY WITH ARRANGEMENT FOLLOWED AT PREVIOUS SESSIONS WAS APPROVED 12-1(TURKEY)-9. (USUN 3917 NOTAL)

KHAN (PAKISTAN) STATED THAT THE FARAKKA BARRAGE ITEM PROPOSED BY HIS COUNTRY INVOLVED A WHOLE GAMUT OF INTERCONNECTED ISSUES HAVING A WIDE RANGE OF ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES -- AFFECTING PEACE AND SECURITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AND SOCIAL CONCERNS. BANGLADESH REGARDED THE ISSUE NOT IN THE SPIRIT OF CONFRONTATION, HE SAID, EXPLAINING THAT THE GA REMAINED THE SOLE FORUM IN WHICH A SMALL COUNTRY COULD AIR ITS GRIEVANCES. HE HOPED THE ITEM WOULD BE TAKEN UP IN PLENARY OR THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE. JAIPAL (INDIA) SAID INDIA WAS "DISMAYED" BY BANGLADESH'S "BASELESS" ALLEGATIONS. THE ISSUE WAS ESSENTIALLY BILATERAL, HE STATED, REVIEWING THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND. HE BELIEVED THAT THE INVOLVEMENT OF ANY THIRD PARTY WOULD MERELY COMPLICATE THE MATTER UNNECESSARILY. WHEN ALLOCATION OF ITEMS WAS TAKEN UP, KHAN SUGGESTED IT BE ALLOCATED TO THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND WAS SUPPORTED BY FRANCE. GDR FAVORED COMMITTEE 2, AND THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

GA PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE --

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AT SEPT 23 PRESS CONFERENCE, GA PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE (SRI LANKA), IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS, SAID HE INTERPRETED WITHDRAWAL OF TWO KOREAN ITEMS AS GENUINE INTEREST ON PART OF BOTH SIDES TO MOVE TOWARD PEACEFUL UNIFICATION -- GENUINE GESTURE OF CONCILIATION AND "WE SHOULD EXPLOIT IT IN EVERY WAY." THE PROMOTION OF MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS IS CURRENT RESPONSIBILITY OF OTHERS AND IT WOULD BE PRESUMPTUOUS OF HIM TO START ANYTHING ELSE, THOUGH HE WOULD BE GLAD TO RESPOND IT ASKED TO DO SO. HE THOUGHT PALESTINIAN RIGHTS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN PLENARY, NOT COMMITTEE. ASKED IF PLO WOULD SPEAK, HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THEIR INTENTION, AND WOULD CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN HE CAME TO IT. ANY NONALIGNED SUGGESTIONS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BY COOPERATION. HE THOUGHT IT WAS THE GA'S DUTY TO REMAIN AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE IN CONTROL OF THE NAMIBIA SITUATION. ON THE US ELECTION, HE DID NOT THINK DOMESTIC ELECTIONS SHOULD HAMPER GA WORK. HE BELIEVED US DESIRED QUESTION

OF VIETNAM'S ADMISSION DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER US ELECTIONS SO NO PARTY COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION. HE DID NOT THINK THE GA SHOULD DISCUSS THE LAW OF THE SEA WHILE IT WAS BEING CONSIDERED IN AN EVEN BIGGER FORUM. IN AMERASINGHE'S VIEW, THE ENTIRE APPROACH TO THE ARMS RACE IS WRONG -- WARS COULD BE AVOIDED ONLY BY ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR REAL PEACE WHERE ARMS WILL BE UNNECESSARY.

UN MEETINGS SEPT 24 --

THE GA PLENARY IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AT 10:30A.M.
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